

the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors and Chamorro Land Trust Commission, and Staff Attorney to former Senator Don Parkinson of the 17th Guam Legislature. Demonstrating her sharp mind, capacity for excellence, and disposition of fairness for almost two decades in law, Judge Sukola established herself as a champion of justice and respected pillar of our community. In 2002, Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez recognized these outstanding qualities and appointed her to serve as a trial court judge at the Judiciary of Guam, wherein she handled a diverse docket ranging from family violence cases to complex civil litigation. In addition to her various court assignments of General Jurisdiction, Mental Health Court, Family Court I, and Juvenile Drug Court, Judge Sukola also brought new meaning to the mission of making justice accessible to all as a Co-Chair of the Judiciary's Juvenile Justice Reform Focus Area on Evidence-Based Practices and 2016–2019 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Access to Courts and Delivery of Services as well as the Subcommittees on Pro-Se Litigation and Criminal Jury Instructions.

Throughout her career and in her judicial service, Judge Sukola has built an exemplary legacy of compassionate service and understanding through professionalism which doubly emanates from her courtroom. Recognized for her interminable advocacy for the welfare and best interests of Guam's children and their families while specifically advancing the System of Care and Wraparound in the Juvenile Court System and promoting cultural sensitivity, Judge Sukola received the icareguam 2017 Goodwill Ambassador Award. Judge Anita Sukola served our island with incredible distinction and continues to inspire many members of our community. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the people of Guam, offering my greatest appreciation for Judge Sukola's commitment to justice for all on our island. Her dedication to our youth and families, fidelity to justice, and unwavering integrity is commendable, and I sincerely thank her for her many years of service, congratulate her on a well-deserved retirement, and wish her the best as she embarks on a new chapter in life.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BENGALI HINDU GENOCIDE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in sad remembrance of the 50th anniversary of the Bengali Hindu Genocide, and celebrate and honor the lives of the more than two million Bengali Hindu persons who were systematically killed by the Pakistani Army when it launched an offensive into East Pakistan, present-day Bangladesh, thus beginning the 10-month reign of terror known as "Operation Searchlight."

Over that time, approximately 2 to 3 million people were killed, over 200,000 women were raped in organized rape camps, and over 10 million people were displaced, most finding refuge in India.

I offer my prayers and condolences to the victims and their families who still feel the very real effects of this heinous crime against humanity.

March 25th officially marks the beginning of the genocide in Bangladesh.

The brutality unleashed by the Pakistani army and the targeting of Bengali Hindus simply because of their religion must be strongly condemned as religious freedom is one of the most sacred of human rights.

It has been 50 years since the genocide in Bangladesh, and the survivors and their descendants are still fighting for recognition; they are still fighting for an apology from Pakistan, as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh formerly asked her Pakistani counterpart as recently as January of 2021; and they are still fighting for justice and for closure.

On March 28, 1971, Archer K. Blood, U.S. Consul General stationed in Dhaka, East Pakistan, present-day Bangladesh, during the genocide, sent a cable back to Foggy Bottom with the subject reading "Selective Genocide."

In his cable, the Consul General informs his superiors at the State Department that "Here in Dacca we are mute and horrified witnesses to a reign of terror by the Pak military," and that the full horror of its atrocities "will come to light sooner or later."

That is why I rise; to remember and acknowledge that history so that victims and survivors of the Bengali Hindu Genocide know that the people of the United States stand in solidarity with them.

IN RECOGNITION OF JILL SELLERS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jill Sellers on her new role as the Executive Director of Main Street Gettysburg, a non-profit organization committed to the preservation and revitalization of historic Gettysburg.

In this new role, Jill will collaborate with community leaders and volunteers to steward the mission of Main Street Gettysburg. Since first visiting Gettysburg two decades ago, Jill has been a passionate advocate for this town and community.

Jill has extensive leadership and management experience. Prior to moving to Adams County, Jill founded a public relations firm and served as the President of the Weston County Hospital in Wyoming. Earlier in her career, she served as an intelligence officer with the Defense Intelligence Agency as a program manager for Northrop Grumman. Jill is a graduate of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies, where she earned a master's degree in international policy.

Jill Sellers will be an incredible partner to small businesses and the tourism community in Adams County. I congratulate Jill on this new chapter, and I look forward to working alongside her to serve the Gettysburg community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF HEATHER SCHAFE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay my respects to Ms. Heather Schafer, former Chief Executive Officer of the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC). She passed away unexpectedly on March 15, 2021.

Celebrating its 45th year of service, the NVFC is the leading nonprofit association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. Ms. Schafer began her career with the NVFC in 1993, and within one year of service became the NVFC's Executive Director and CEO.

Madam Speaker, I know you are well aware of my passion for supporting our firefighters and emergency services personnel. They are our first responders to all disasters. They face daunting challenges which require high levels of training and specialized equipment.

They need strong voices at the local, state, and national levels to ensure that their needs are addressed by government officials. Heather Schafer provided such a voice, always advocating forcefully for our volunteer firefighters. Her passion for nonprofit work led her to the NVFC and her bold leadership and vision grew the organization and advanced the interests of the volunteer fire service and the health and safety of its members.

As we celebrate National Women's History Month, let us remember women like Ms. Schafer who serve as role models for young women seeking careers in professions traditionally occupied by their male counterparts. The fire and emergency services is one such profession.

Ms. Schafer leaves behind a legacy of great accomplishment over her 27 years of steadfast service managing the NVFC. And her contribution to a more equitable society for women and all Americans is surely among her greatest achievements.

On behalf of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, I extend my deepest sympathies to Ms. Schafer's family, friends, and staff for the loss of a remarkable and talented leader of our nation's volunteer fire and emergency services.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I regretfully missed Roll Call vote 86 H.R. 1620 The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021 on March 17, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.